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CYTOKINE THAT BINDS THE CELL SURFACE RECEPTOR HEK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Hek ligand (hek-L) polypeptides as well as DNA sequences, vectors and transformed host cells useful in providing hek-L polypeptides. The hek-L polypeptides bind to a cell surface receptor (hek) that is a member of the receptor tyrosine kinase family. Hek is expressed on cells that include certain tumor cell lines. The hek-L polypeptides also bind a distinct receptor tyrosine kinase known elk.